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1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS PREPARED REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF MY PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TODAY (JUNE 28), PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

QUOTE -- IT IS GRATIFYING TO VERIFY THAT THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES COINCIDES WITH THE POLICY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU (WHICH IS) AWARE THAT THE OBSERVANCE OF SUCH RIGHTS IS A STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BASED AS IT IS ON PRINCIPLES THAT COMPREHEND THE WORTH OF THE HUMAN BEING, BOTH IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL DIMENSION END QUOTE

2. IN HIS REMARKS MORALES ALSO REFERRED TO THE WELL-KNOWN "PACIFIC POLICY" OF PERU WHICH SEEKS LATIN AMERICAN "INTEGRATION" AND IS BASED ON "RESPECT FOR THE DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS" IN THE HEMISPHERE.

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3. IN MY OWN REMARKS, PREPARED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF AN ADVANCE LOOK AT THE PRESIDENT'S, AS HIS WERE WITH RESPECT TO MINE, I STRESSED THE OPPORTUNITY AT HAND FOR PERUVIAN-U.S. COOPERATION IN PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN TACKLING GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. (TEXTS OF BOTH STATEMENTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DESK.)
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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. IN OUR PRIVATE INFORMAL CONVERSATION, THE PRESIDENT MADE THE POINT THAT THE GOALS OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION ARE CLEARLY LINKED TO HUMAN RIGHTS, IF NOT INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THEM. HE SAID THAT THESE GOALS ARE STILL ALIVE AND STILL BEING PURSUED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. MORALES BERMUDEZ WAS PLEASED TO HEAR FROM ME OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH WE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY.

5. COMMENT: THE LOCAL MEDIA HAVE GIVEN RATHER SPARSE PLAY TO PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION AT THE RECENT OASGA AND WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOP IS ANXIOUS NOT TO GET TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT. ON THE OTHER ISSUE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN, I HAVE BEEN STRUCK IN MY WEEK HERE BY THE HEAVY MEDIA EMPHASIS ON THAT "PACIFIC" POLICY MORALES TALKED ABOUT. THE CURRENT VISIT OF CHILEAN CARABINERO GENERAL MENDOZA IS TOP NEWS, AS IS THE FORTHCOMING TRIPARTITE MILITARY MEETING IN SANTA CRUZ. SHLAUDEMAN

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